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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (*continued*) (E/2011/L.1 and E/2011/L.3)

1. **The President** drew attention to the draft proposals submitted by the President of the Council and members of the Bureau on the basis of informal consultations held pursuant to paragraph 2 (l) of Council decision 1988/77 (E/2011/L.1).

2. He recalled that, at the second meeting of its organizational session, the Council had taken action on draft decisions I to V and said that consultations on the remaining draft decisions (VI to VIII) would require more time. He and the Bureau would make every effort to facilitate agreement in a timely manner to enable the Secretariat to complete its preparations for the 2011 substantive session.

3. He further recalled that the Council had approved the dates of 10 and 11 March 2011 for its special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. He would send letters to the Permanent Representatives of States members of the Council regarding the substantive focus and organizational format of the meeting.

4. Pursuant to Council resolutions 2009/30 and 2010/26, the overall theme of the meeting would be "Coherence, coordination and cooperation on financing for development". The format of the meeting would serve to encourage a truly interactive debate and promote an open exchange of views. Following a short opening plenary, the meeting would consist of several informal thematic debates on the following topics: follow-up to the outcome document of the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals: building the global partnership for development, including in response to new challenges and emerging issues; the role of the United Nations system in global economic governance; financial support for development efforts of least developed countries: development finance, including innovative mechanisms, aid for trade and debt relief; and financial support for development efforts of middle income countries: development cooperation, trade, capital flows, policy space and reserve system. The full programme of the event would be circulated at a later date. Letters of invitation would also be sent to the Deans of the Executive Boards of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, as well as the Chairs of the Governing Bodies of the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Draft resolution entitled "Revision of the General Regulations of the World Food Programme" (E/2001/L.3)

5. *Draft resolution E/2011/L.3 was adopted.*

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

6. **The President** said that, since some of the working groups of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development had already begun meeting in Geneva and the twenty-third session of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) was scheduled to be held prior to the resumed organizational session of the Council in April, the Council should proceed to take action to fill some of the vacant seats in those two bodies.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

7. **The President** invited the Council to consider the outstanding vacancies on the Commission on Science and Technology for Development. The Group of Eastern European States had endorsed the candidatures of Bulgaria and Hungary to fill two of their remaining vacancies. He took it that the Council wished to elect Bulgaria and Hungary by acclamation for a term beginning immediately and expiring on 31 December 2014.

8. *It was so decided.*

9. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, he took it that the Council agreed to further postpone the election of one member from the Group of Asian States and three members from the Group of Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of the election and expiring on 31 December 2014.

10. *It was so decided.*

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)

11. **The President** invited the Council to consider the outstanding vacancies on the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat). The Group of Western European and other States had endorsed Finland and Turkey to fill two of their vacant seats. In the absence of any other candidates, he took it that the Council wished to elect Finland and Turkey to the Governing Council for a term beginning immediately and expiring on 31 December 2014.

12. *It was so decided.*

13. **The President** said that, in the absence of any other candidates for election to the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), he took it that the Council agreed to further postpone the election of two members from the Group of Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of the election and expiring on 31 December 2011, two members from that Group for a period beginning on the date of the election and expiring on 31 December 2012, and one member from that Group for a term beginning on the date of the election and expiring on 31 December 2014.

14. *It was so decided.*

15. **The President** drew the Council's attention to the matter of its consideration of the report on the ninth session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (E/2010/44), which remained pending (Council decision 2010/256). He informed the Council that Ms. Francis of the Bahamas had agreed to continue her efforts to facilitate informal consultations on the matter.

16. Informal "informal" consultations had been held on the proposed themes for the annual ministerial reviews of the high-level segments of the substantive sessions of the Council for 2012 to 2014, facilitated by Mr. Rahman of Bangladesh. Since more time was needed in order to reach agreement, the Council would return to the issue at a later date.

17. **Mr. Rahman** (Bangladesh) said that there had been three rounds of such consultations and important progress had been made with regard to the theme for 2012. There was however still some divergence of views with regard to the themes for 2013 and 2014. The consultations would therefore resume at a later date.

18. **The President** said that the Bureau was consulting on the proposed amendment submitted by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the United Nations Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by its 1975 Protocol. The Council would be kept informed of further developments.

The meeting rose at 3.35 p.m.